

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 SINGAP 01073 151006 Z

11

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 CPR-02 PM-09 NSC-10 M-03 OPR-02 PA-03

RSC-01 SS-14 SY-07 PRS-01 A-01 DODE-00 TRSE-00 RSR-01

/069 W

----- 059438

P R 150835 Z MAR 73

FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO USIA WASHDC PRIORITY

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 8496

C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1073

USIAC

SUBJECT: COVERAGE OF PM LEE'S U. S. VISIT

REF: STATE 045669

1. JAMES FOO, PRESS SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER LEE DURING IMMINENT U. S. VISIT, AND EE BOON LEE, NEWS CONTROLLER OF GOVERNMENT- RUN RADIO AND TELEVISION, CALLED ON POST TODAY TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN COVERAGE OF MAJOR EVENTS OF PM'S VISIT.

2. TO DATE, SCHEDULED EVENTS ARE:

MARCH 24-29: PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM AT ECKERD COLLEGE, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

MARCH 30- APRIL 2: DELIVER BLAUSTEIN LECTURES, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, BETHLEHEM, PA.

APRIL 4: WASHDC. OFFICIAL CALLS ON SECRETARY ROGERS, VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW, SECRETARY RICHARDSON (SEE REFTEL)

APRIL 5: OFFICIAL CALLS ON SECRETARY SHULTZ, WORLD BANK PRESIDENT MCNAMARA, JOHN CONNALLY
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 SINGAP 01073 151006 Z

AND MAYBE DR. KISSINGER (SEE REFTEL)

APRIL 6: SPEAK AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON.

APRIL 10: OFFICIAL CALL ON PRESIDENT (SEE REFTEL)

APRIL 11: GUEST OF MEET THE PRESS (VIDEOTAPE RECORDED)

3. FOO WISHES FILE REPORT DAILY TO RTS (RADIO TELEVISION SINGAPORE) WHILE PRIME MINISTER IN WASHINGTON, AND HAS ASKED POSSIBILITY OF USING ASIAN FEED CHANNEL FOR THIS PURPOSE. WOULD ALSO LIKE SOUND TAPES OF UNIVERSITY SPEECHES, NATIONAL PRESS CLUB AND MEET THE PRESS APPEARANCES AND ANY PUBLIC REMARKS MADE BEFORE OR AFTER MEETINGS WITH U. S OFFICIALS NAMED ABOVE. FOO WOULD LIKE ONE COPY OF EACH TAPE FOR HIS OWN REPORTS AND A SECOND SENT BY FASTEST POSSIBLE MEANS TO RTS.

4. FOO REQUESTED PHOWM COVERAGE OF MEETINGS WITH U. S. OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. AGAIN REQUESTED THESE BE SENT TO USIS FOR TRANSMISSION TO RTS, BUT WOULD LIKE COPIES FOR HIMSELF SO THAT SOME MIGHT BE SENT AS UPI RADIO PHOTOS AT GOS EXPENSE TO BE USED AS TV STILLs AND IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

5. FOO ALSO ASKED ABOUT FILM CLIP COVERAGE OF MEETINGS WITH U. S. OFFICIALS. THEY WOULD BE SENT BY AIR AND INCORPORATED BY RTS IN NEWS SHOWS.

6. BOTH FOO AND EE MADE IT CLEAR THEY COULD NOT COUNT ON VISNEWS, THE SOURCE FOR MUCH OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL MATERIAL, FOR ADEQUATE COVER OF TRIP AND ARE AWARE THAT COMMERCIAL U. S . SERVICES WILL NOT SEND ENOUGH MATERIAL TO GIVE HIGH EXPOSURE THEY WISH TRIP TO HAVE FOR SINGAPORE AUDIENCES.

7. WHEN POST EMPHASIZED THAT THESE SERVICES, ESPECIALLY THE VOICE FEEDS AND FILM COVER, WERE LIKELY TO BE EXPENSIVE, THEY INDICATED THAT GOS MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHARE SOME OF COST.

8 . DESIRE FOR HIGH EXPOSURE INTERESTING SINCE IN PAST
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 SINGAP 01073 151006 Z

PRIME MINISTER' S OVERSEAS TRIPS HAVE BEEN GIVEN SPARSE

TO MODERATE COVERAGE WHICH HAS OFTEN LAGGED FAR BEHIND EVENTS. FOO/EE MOVE MARKS FIRST TIME GOS OFFICIALS HAVE APPROACHED USIS FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE AND PROBABLY REFLECTS INCREASINGLY RELAXED AND POSITIVE ATTITUDES TOWARD U. S. EMBASSY IS CONVINCED SUCH COOPERATION WITH GOS AND HIGH LOCAL PROFILE FOR TRIP IN OUR INTERESTS. ALSO AWARE THAT ADVANTAGES MUST BE WEIGHED AGAINST COSTS, BUT URGE EFFORT BE MADE TO COOPERATE.

9. POST HAS GIVEN FOO NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF STANTON JUE AS PRIMARY CONTACT. ALSO HAVE GIVEN HIM ADDRESSES AND CONTACT NAMES FOR FOREIGN PRESS CENTERS IN BOTH NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. POST WILL APPRECIATE ALL AGENCY CAN DO TO HELP HIM.

10. PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY DEPARTS SINGAPORE MARCH 24. SINCE DETAILS OF COVERAGE MUST BE WORKED OUT WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS REQUEST PRIORITY RESPONSE TO POSSIBILITY AGENCY SERVICING FOO'S REQUESTS AND DETAILED ESTIMATES OF WHAT SUCH COOPERATION (IPS, IMV, IBS) IS LIKELY TO COST POST RMS.

CLASSIFIED BY PAO R. L. NICHOLS

GDS

DECONTROLLED FOLLOWING DEC 31, 1979.

NICHOLS

CONFIDENTIAL

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** CONFIDENTIAL

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 MAR 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973SINGAP01073
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: RR
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: SINGAPORE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730329/aaaahudn.tel
Line Count: 145
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 73 STATE 045669
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04 DEC 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <04-Dec-2001 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <21-Dec-2001 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> srp 971203
Subject: COVERAGE OF PM LEE' S U. S. VISIT
TAGS: OPRC, OVIP, US, n/a
To: EA
USIA INFO STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005